

SENATOR ROYALL STANDING PAT

Will Vote and Use His Influence
For Passage of Witten-Shumate
Bill to Make Pocahontas
Dry on May 1st.

Senator Royall was here on Monday attending to business matters, returning to Richmond on the late train. When asked by a representative of this paper, "the why" of the Witten-Shumate bill, and his attitude towards it, he said that he didn't know anything as to "why" but that he had made up his mind to vote for the bill when it came up, and if defeated it would be done by the Senate. He put the responsibility, if any, up to Mr. Witten, who is supposed to be in close touch with the people, and to know and reflect their wishes. To vote against the Witten-Shumate bill notwithstanding the November first clause in the enabling act, would appear to be voting "wet" he said, which he had no idea of doing.

Public sentiment is divided considerably in this town among all parties, "wets and drys," included. While everybody so far as known, with here and there an exception. The more radical part of the people say, "Yes, close them out, and the quicker the better." The more conservative say, we ought to abide by the contract. If the terms of the enabling act were changed with regard to the whole state, the case might be different." Others still say, that it is a question, whether having made a bad promise whether or not it is obligatory upon us to abide by it. There are many men of many minds, and many birds of many kinds." We heard a preacher say once that a lie was sometimes entirely justifiable. "There are ways of killing a dog besides choking him on butter."

MAPP BILL AMENDED BY THE SENATE.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 23.—No vote was reached today on the final passage of the Mapp prohibition bill in the senate, but material amendments were made to the measure, chief of which was the amendment of sentences, giving great authority to the courts and vesting that power in juries. Penalties were also reduced. Provisions which made violations of the law felonies were changed to make violations misdemeanors, and the maximum fine was reduced from \$1,000 to \$500, and the five year prison sentence reduced to not less than six months and not more than 12 months. The salary of the commissioner of prohibition was fixed at \$3,500 per annum, and a section was adopted making the appropriation of \$25,000 per annum for two years for expenses in enforcing the laws.

The house today by a vote of 46 to 40, defeated the senate bill increasing the salary of the state auditor \$1,000 per year.

POUNDING MILL HAPPENINGS.

Pounding Mill, Feb. 23.—Rev. W. A. Conner, of Honaker, of the M. E. church, will preach at the Union church next Saturday night.

Rev. G. W. Doyle, wife, and three children, of Boston, Mass., began a week's meeting here last night at the Holiness church. They have been holding meetings at several points west of here, including Wise, Norton, Big Stone Gap and Bondtown, and are now on their way back to Boston. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steele.

Rev. Nannie B. Osborne, of Princeton, sister of Mrs. H. W. Christian, of this town has just finished a successful meeting at Mt. Ephrem, one mile south of Crockett, Va., in which she witnessed one hundred bright professions. The meeting was held for brother King, who was pastor of the Tazewell circuit two years ago. She is now in a meeting at Atkins on Brother Shuler's work. A number of professions have been reported.

Rev. W. S. Bullard preached in the Christian church here last Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience.

Little Miss Charlotte Hunter entertained recently a number of friends on her eleventh birthday, form 3 to 6 p. m. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time had.

Mr. Lathrop O'Keeffe, of Tazewell, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. K. Gillespie.

Mrs. Nancy Davis has returned from Cincinnati, where she has been visiting her son, T. J. Davis and family.

Mrs. Mattie Altizer and children visited relatives in Richlands last week.

Wm. G. Gillespie spent Sunday at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gillespie at Witten Mills, and also visited his son, George, who attended school here.

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CAMPBELL B. GREEVER DEAD.

Former Citizen of This County Passes
Away at Blanchard, Iowa.
(From the Blanchard, Iowa, Weekly
Paper.)

Campbell B. Greever passed away Monday morning at his home southwest of town from a gangrene infection of the foot.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and interment made in the Center Grove Cemetery four miles southwest of Westboro, Mo., conducted by Elder E. G. Merrill, in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends, neighbors, and relatives. Mr. Greever was an old resident of this vicinity. He was born in Virginia on October 10, 1842 and was 73 years old when death overtook him.

Campbell B. Greever was a son of David and Nancy Greever, and was born in Tazewell county, Va., October 10, 1842. He enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861 and served until the war was over and then came to Atchison county, Mo., where he has since resided with the exception of one year in Nebraska. He was married to Miss Margaret J. Chaney, December 29, 1870. To this union nine children were born, four girls and five boys, all of whom are living. He united with the Lutheran church when he was 16 years of age. He took sick July 11, 1912 and was a constant sufferer until death released him.

ADA L. HENINGER.

ELOPED TO BRISTOL.

Popular Bluestone Couple Were Married There on Friday.

(Graham Daily News.)

News has been received in Graham of the elopement Friday to Bristol of a popular young Bluestone couple, the happy pair being Reg Carter, son of Rans Carter and Miss Jennie Pearl Wagner, the handsome young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wagner. They were married in Bristol Friday evening and have returned to the home of the bride's parents on Bluestone.

Both young people are well known in Graham. The bride attended the Graham High School two years ago and was very popular. She lived with the family of Rev. J. E. Spring while going to school here. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. Her older sister was married to Arch Ruble only a week prior to the elopement.

Mr. Carter is a son of a prominent farmer of Bluestone Valley section and he frequently visits Graham with his team and is well known here.

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McADAM ROADS.

On the up-keep of macadam roads, he says:

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Cost of Oil or Tar Roads.

On the roads in Maryland, from one-fifth to three fourths gallons per square yard was used, at an average cost of a little less than \$350 per mile. The cost of oiling the roads will vary, of course, according to circumstances. To properly maintain a macadam road, as Mr. Shirley states, is from \$200 to \$600 per mile. Mr. Martin, road engineer here, puts the cost of maintaining the roads in this county now, at about \$500 per mile. The cost would be less if the up-keep work had been commenced at the proper time, but now, some of our fine roads have been in constant use for more than three years, and are showing considerable wear. The longer the repair work is put off the worse the roads will be and the greater the cost.

GREEVER-SLUSS.

Pretty Wedding at Home of Bride's
Parents at Graham.

The Graham Daily News of Wednesday morning says: A very pretty home wedding was solemnized last evening at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sluss, on Vincel street, when their second daughter, Miss Hazel, became the wife of Mr. Henry Bowen Greever, of Bluefield. The ceremony was performed by Dr. M. P. Carico, the bride's pastor, and was witnessed only by the immediate family. There were no invited guests.

The spacious Sluss home was prettily decorated with carnations and evergreens and cherries. The marriage took place in the parlor and the ring service was used. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of blue cloth and held in her hand a lovely bouquet of red roses. The groom was stately in the conventional black.

The bride is well known and has many friends. She was educated at Martha Washington College, Madison Hall Seminary, Washington, D. C., and at the Southern Seminary. She is accomplished in music and art. She has always been a general favorite here in Graham, where she was reared, and is known for her lovely disposition and congenial manner.

NATIONAL BANKS FOR RICH- LANDS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The Comptroller of the Currency announced today that the Richlands National Bank, of Richlands, Va., with a capital of \$25,000 has applied for a National charter.

The Merchants and Farmers Bank, of Richlands has made application to the Treasury Department to convert into a national bank, with a capital of \$40,000, under the name of the First National Bank of Richlands.

BURKE'S GARDEN.

Mr. R. L. Thompson and family expect to leave for Indiana the first of March.

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STAGGERING FIGURES.

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BUSTLE AND STIR.

Has God a people on earth now?
Yes.
Are they actually carrying God's
message and doing his work now?
Yes.

Well, when these people of God present the claims of Jesus Christ to unsaved men and women and they understand that He is the son of God and the rightful ruler of the world, and these unsaved men and women by acts of stubbornness refuse to accept his terms, become his servants and obey his laws, they are then and there living in rebellion against the kingdom of Heaven of which Christ is king.

Then if I Sam., 15-23 be true, (for rebellion is a sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.)

These persons being in a class with witches and idolaters, will receive the same treatment at the hands of a just God. And the man who comes to the death bed of one of these rebels and offers him pardon on terms different from those God offered, this man makes himself a God, setting aside the justice and judgment of God.

While speaking of God's mercy, we should remember also that he is "just" God.

W. E.

INTEREST IN KITTS PROPERTY SOLD.

The undivided one-fifth interest of Frank Kitts, of Norton, in the property of the late James Kitts, his father in this town, was sold on Monday by John Henry Smith, of Lebanon, to satisfy a judgment held by Smith. The price paid was \$280.00 Mr. Smith becoming purchaser.

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

There will be the regular services in the Methodist church Sunday. Preaching at North Tazewell at 11 a. m., and at Main street at 7 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Platt, jr. Prayer meeting Wednesday and Friday at 7 p. m. Sunday school at the usual hours at both places. Every body invited.

THE GRETTA GREENS.

We notice that a bill has been introduced in the Maryland legislature prohibiting the marriage of non-residents of that state within ninety-six hours after the license to wed has been secured. The measure palpably is aimed at Elkton and other Maryland Gretna Greens, and indications are that a determined fight will be made on it. Nevertheless, it is a good measure and deserves to be passed.

It is a pity something of the kind isn't introduced in the legislature of our neighboring State, Tennessee. Elopements to Bristol are all too frequent with our Virginia boys and girls, and if our young people could not frustrate the wishes of their elders with so much ease it is quite probable that there would be fewer divorce cases on the court calendars and fewer unhappy homes in the old State.

Hasty marriage is an evil that is on the increase. It would be interesting to have the exact statistics as to how great a percentage of elopements turn out unhappily. There are any number of happily married people "hooked up" in this way, we are aware, but are far more, we are confident, whose journey in life has led them to the divorce courts via some Gretna Green. Every safeguard should be thrown around our young folks by the men who make our laws, that in taking the most important step in life they make no mistake.—Roanoke Times.

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My car is again in service between Burke's Garden and Tazewell. Trips made any hour of day or night. Good, heavy, easy riding car.

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D. W. SHORT.

THE TELL-TALE SMILE.

It spreads all over his handsome face—a smile you couldn't scrub off. And here is the cause: a fine girl baby born, and the smile is on the countenance of our young friend, John G. O'Keeffe.

KEEP OFF OF ARMED SHIPS

Tazewell People Who Contem-
plat a Summer in Europe or
A Trip to Monte Carlo Had
Better Read This.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Agitation in Congress for warning Americans off armed ships of the European belligerents suddenly grew to such proportions today that the Democrats of the foreign relation committee voted to canvass the sentiment of the house on several pending resolutions of that nature.

Sentiment in the senate, in favor of some such action, also was openly expressed, but at the end of a day of surprises, tension and agitation such as had not been seen in Congress in some time, the word came that President Wilson still was unalterably opposed to any such action by congress and believed that he would only be embarrassed thereby in the negotiations with Germany.

HOW WE GROW—INCREASE 4,433 A DAY.

Census Bureau experts say that on January